

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 7919 Independence Blvd., Conference Room B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. James Hopson, with the following members present:

Mrs. Carol Ann Cleveland, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Charles Cain, Commissioner
Mr. Henry "Darty" Smith, Commissioner
Major Adam White
Attorney Paul Schexnayder

Present also was John W. Alario, Executive Director, and various industry representatives.

On motion by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. Smith, the minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting was adopted as transcribed and the register of attendance was signed.

The latest expenditure and revenue reports ending April 30, 2011 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending April 30, 2011 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for April 2011 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were discussed for the June meeting in New Orleans, LA. Applications and hearings will not be heard during this meeting.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would make the following citations for appearance at the June 2011 meeting and that others may be added prior to distribution of the AD letter:

- 1. Citations – Regular – June 2011**
None as of May 20, 2011
- 2. Citations – Insurance – June 2011**
None as of May 20, 2011
- 3. Citations – Permit Renewals – June 2011**
None as of May 20, 2011

Mr. Alario presented the Commission with the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance of **\$773,913.21** as of April 30, 2011.

Commission Legislation and/or Rule Changes – Status – Mr. Alario informed the Commission that there is not anything pending in legislation that will affect this agency. According to Attorney Schexnayder, the rules that have been completed are final. He is still working on composing the rough draft for the new rules to get to the Register. Mr. Alario stated he would like to add an additional rule to the changes that are being made. One of the rule changes, Mr. Alario would like for Attorney Schexnayder to work on involves the Class 6Xs. He would like to allow the supplier to take a picture of the cage and complete a sketch. Once he receives the sketch and the picture by e-mail, the cage will be tentatively approved until the inspector is to finalize any changes that may be necessary for the cage(s). Currently, the rule states, the bottles are not allowed in the cage, until the inspector approves it. Mr. Alario will like to work on streamlining the process for the Class 6Xs. Commissioner Hopson asked if the new rule would allow for the process to be approved as long as it is subject to meet the requirements of the Commission and the inspector's review. Mr. Alario agreed and also stated, the picture will be used as approval. The Commission agreed with the new rule.

Mr. Alario stated that he is aware that he will have renewals due for those companies that are affected by the flood. With the Commission's approval, he would like to give an extension for those companies in the flooded areas. A motion by Major White, seconded by Mrs. Cleveland, authority was given to Mr. Alario to suspend the rules in order to allow an extension for those companies that have renewals due in the affected flood areas. All agreed.

Mr. Randy Hayden approached the Commission. A group of individual propane dealers are headed to Washington, D.C. to meet with the Congressional Delegation as part of the national group. As much work that has been done with delegation, the Natural Gas Industry has done a better job politically. The Natural Gas Industry is looking for various tax exemptions for natural gas vehicles and the next generation of alternative fuel vehicles. He continued to say, that attempts were made to get propane included with those exemptions. At that time, the delegation did not support those efforts. Nationally, propane dealers are talking to their delegation about the importance of these exemptions. Louisiana is the #2 producer of propane in America. The Propane Industry will like to be given the same exemptions as the Natural Gas Industry. Mr. Hayden asked to what degree is it appropriate for the Commission or individual Commissioners to write a letter or comment on this particular issue. Attorney Schexnayder replied that the position as far as state government would be to not take a position. Information can be given but a position cannot be made. Commissioners can write a letter as an individual. Commissioner Hopson stated that he would not mind signing a letter on this matter. But he would like for the attorney to review it. Mr. Hayden emphasized the importance of these exemptions to the Industry.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Smith, to go into executive session to discuss contract. All agreed.

Motion was made by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. Smith, to come back into regular session. All agreed.

There being no other business, Major White motioned to recess until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, May 26, 2011, Mrs. Cleveland seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.